

Remarks

The above Amendments and these Remarks are in reply to the Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371... mailed December 29, 2005. The fee for claims (or conversion of claims from dependent form to independent form) is included herewith. Please enter this Preliminary Amendment before calculation of fees for the additional claims.

Claims 1-44 were prosecuted in the Application as filed. The present Reply cancels claims 20-22, 24-29, 33-34, amends claims 9-19, 23, 36, 41-43.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1325 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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